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## ELEVATOR ECHOES

It seems REA has one spinster who is thoroughly satisfied with her single state. The other day, while discussing matrimony with several friends on the elevator, she was asked why she did not marry. "Why should I marry?" she demanded. "My three pets take the place of any husband. I have a dog that growls in the morning, a parrot that swears all afternoon and a cat that comes home late every night!" So help me, it's true!

## TEN YEARS GOV'T SERVICE

William S. Bolton has 10 yrs., 9 mos. service; REA 3 yrs., 10½ mos.

## REAAA MEMBERSHIP

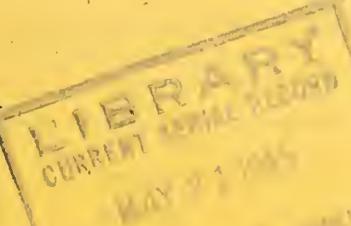
We are very happy and proud to announce that the Office of the Administrator has reached 100% in the REAAA membership drive.

## TOWN TOPICS - CONTINUED

now streamlined chassis; Lee Meyer, leaving us to continue his eddication at Mo. State U.; K. O'Brien and R. Miller with wholly original job descriptions for CAF-1 to 7 inclusive, and much the best we've encountered; Alta Brown a.l'ing in Iowa with relatives - allegedly; E. Delaney entertaining her sister with a whirl in St. L.; Bernice Smith dropping in to say Hi; the gal in Fin. who slipped in a leave slip for a year, no one became perturbed so she slipped it right out again and has now taken to feeding the squirrels; W. Armstrong reported to be on the up and up; Seaman Leonard O'Donnell on leave from Gr. Lakes Naval Base with Mrs. O. and young Jimmie visiting home base in Management.

HIKERS TO VISIT

PREHISTORIC SITE



## CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE PARK IN ILLINOIS

Built by a primitive people with the crudest of implements, the Indian mounds in Cahokia Mounds State Park are said to be the most important work left by a prehistoric race on the American continent.

Within a radius of one and one-half miles lie eighty mounds. The great Cahokia Mound, popularly known as Monk's Mound after a colony of Trappist Monks who lived a short distance west of the largest terrace in the early 1800's is the largest aboriginal earthen structure in the United States and probably in the Western Hemisphere. It measures 1,000 by 720 feet at its base and has an altitude of 100 feet. Its base covers an area of 13.6 acres which is slightly greater in extent than that of the Pyramid of Cheops, in Egypt.

At the foot of the trail leading to the great mound is a friendly museum in Spanish architectural style containing pleasing exhibits of the handiwork of these ancient potters, artisans and farmers. Close to the museum the State maintains a picnic area.

Meet Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at 706 North Broadway (Trailway Bus Station). We will take the Collinsville bus. Fare, approximately 50¢ Bring camp fire food and let's get in the groove!

## REA BIRTHDAYS

August 27 to September 2 inclusive

George R. Barksdale	Pearl L. Eriksson
Robert T. Clifford	Walter H. Boster
*Arthur W. Korpi	*Norma L. Lewis
William S. Bolton	Noble D. Wrinkle
Anne K. Korn	*James J. Bartolotta
*Henry F. Ledbetter	Virginia L. Brannock
Theresa M. O'Donnell	Elva Winters
Ralph L. Shangraw	*Clarence J. Bush

\* Military Furlough

# DIDJA KNOW THAT

When some Cherubim or Seraphim unbuttoned that much prattled about "air pocket" and let in the cold wave, great activity ensued. The membership of the REAAA began to expand and the bowling teams began to bowl in in no uncertain manner. In fact Jack Taylor is going to be the winner of no small amount of money on the number of those teams. To A. Mittell goes the orchid for his efforts to sell those Legalers the idea of joining the A.A. Sixty members, says Art, and Henry C. Bauer, former Barrister, but now a Lt. in his Uncle's Coast Guard, sent in his clam for a membership with a lengthy epistle (two lines) which we quote in part - "and SPAN is a wonderful...." Just then he was afflicted with writer's cramp, his pen refused to fountain or he was at a loss for a word - (if you can imagine that but if such were the case he is referred to one R. Fischer who knows all the words and for that we can vouch) which would pass the censor. We tremble to give our imagination full rein as to what he might have come up with and so may you all follow his charitable example for we can struggle along very well without the flooding of the mail with what you could think up. There are those, of course, who think it was no C. or S. who unbuttoned that pocket but some old meanie, for R. Doug. Smith, D. Laughlin and E. Buchanan all went a.l'ing - now wait a minute, - separately and individually - and all were doing a bit of back to old Mother Nature when the cold wave struck. No reports from R. Doug or Dottie but from all we can gather, "Buck's" vacation was spent rolled in blankets with hot water bottles at his feet while he risked one eye above the covers to watch a group of Spartanish Girl Scouts cavort in the swimming pool just outside his cabin door. 'Twas the only silver lining in any of the clouds but had the weather been fair - oh boy! is he a picker of cabins? After making Who's Who, Sammy is still not content for he says F. Sinatra also made the grade and now Sammy wants to make 'em swoon. Well, there's yodelling or a harmonica or perhaps an accordian which might be considered and while who are we to say that any of these might produce the same effect as the crooning of the one and only Frankie on the bobby sock brigade, we'll give him odds it will knock 'em cold and under certain conditions that is not to be sneezed at. Mysterious drops of BLUE formed a trail down the 8th floor corridor. A. Hawkshaw, Walters on the chase right into the Fin. Division Headquarters only to find that one of the Plantagenets had cut his finger. Lt. Col. Fred Vreeland, one time Ace of REA, who used to take his mates up in his flying machine, reports from Cincinnati that Mary (many of you will re-

member Mary Mandalou) and his brood are all doin' right well, would like to receive the RE News and also reports Major Louis Stevens is contemplating matrimony. A. Vernier lost a whole night's sleep trying to think of an appropriate name for her bowling team but to no avail. But came the dawn and after reporting at the office and taking one look at the Co-op boys she came up with "Gremlins" just like that - that's on account of they're (Ann's team, of course) goin' to make trouble for everyone. H(andsome) Clark, that traveller of A&L, is going to give the So. Carolinians a visit and then on to Key West from which vantage point he will train his binoculars on the V.I., relax and d-r-e-a-m. In case you are ever at a loss as to how to dispose of your tray in a cafe-ter-ia, ask J. Schlessinger how it is done. A bit noisy but most effective and then, too, one can't hear the rattle of the dishes during the bombardment. The tale of the lipstick becomes more lurid and lurider - says he does not remember coming to the office with any tell tale marks of a romantic interlude on his manly bosom but has a vague recollection - very vague of something like that happening on a field trip. Oh, for the life of Timber Wolf and just to think they get 5¢ per mile and per diem - is it not wunnerful? TOWN TOPICS: Nick Martinez making a call before and after a short rainy vacation in the Ozarks and still wearing a sailor suit 'round Kansas City; a baby girl for the Chester Lakes; Sgt. A. Norri Stevens still taking pictures but now over there. If you see a cover picture of Gen. Brererton in front of "Mild and Bitter" - Stevie took it and also reports had dinner with Jo Blades; Capt. Frank Atkinson, en route to new post in Calif., reports on his embryonic dishwasher and predicts television sets at approx. \$10 after the war; that gal on the 11th floor heading east to display her

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